(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when all of the vacant posts in this Ministry are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDHESWARA): (a) Yes. As on date, there is a shortage of 4 ST employees in Department of Heavy Industry and Department of Public Enterprises.

(b) Department of Heavy Industry and Department of Public Enterprises do not have any office at State level.

(c) and (d) Department of Heavy Industry has sent the requisition to Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for filling up the vacant posts of ST employees.

Night shelters in Delhi

535. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are enough night shelters in New Delhi to cater to all the street children and the old living in the streets;

(b) whether Government proposes to build more night shelters for the children and old living in the streets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIA BARAL): (a) As per report given by the NCT of Delhi, the total number of homeless including children and old persons is 16,600. In total 184 night shelters having a capacity to accommodate 14,584 homeless are functioning. Night Shelters exclusively for children are also functioning. The details of children night shelters are as under:

(i) 12 night shelters exclusively for children having capacity of 50 per shelter.

(ii) 7 night shelter exclusively for women and children having capacity of 50 per shelter.

(iii) 1 night shelter exclusively for girl child having capacity of 50 per shelter.
(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to build more night shelters for future needs including the ones for children and old.

(c) As per report given by the NCT of Delhi, 7 sites have been identified for construction of permanent shelters as per the guidelines of Scheme of Shelter for Urban Homeless under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission. The details are as under:

(i) IFC, Gazipur

(ii) Service Centre, Sector-9, Dwarka

(iii) PSP Area, Sector-22, Rohini

(iv) Kakrola, Sector-16 B, Dwarka

(v) OCF Pocket, IFC, Narela

(vi) Sector-5, Rohini

(vii) Nangloi, Phase-II

Further, all efforts are being made for procurement of more plots from DDA in different parts of Delhi. The details of which are as under:

(i) Sector 20, Service Centre, Dwarka,

(ii) Sector 26, Phase II (HAF Pkt II), Dwarka,

(iii) Sector 18, Pocket F, Rohini,

(iv) Narela, near Mandi, and

(v) Narela, near Truck Terminal.

Provision of basic amenities in slums of metro cities

536. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the citizens living in slums of the country especially Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai are living in miserable condition;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any effective step to provide necessary basic amenities like power, environmental, sewer, water, etc. to the residents living in slums of the country, especially of the metros; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.